



World's finest tool, "nepros" with no compromises.

Designed for superior levels of durability, weight balance and usability.



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nepros CONCEPT BOOK

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BRAND STORY

NEW PROFESSIONAL SATISFACTION

NEPROS

Created by generations of master craftsmen drawing upon generations of traditional skills and techniques.

Reformation for a new era

As consumer demand shifted from "horsepower and speed" to "safety, environmental friendliness and comfort" in the 1990s, the structure of the automobile also changed. To accommodate this change, KTC decided to create the world's finest tactile tools with new original material and new production methods designed to out-perform existing tool standards.

The Nepros Standard

After receiving direct feedback from over 300 technicians, Nepros was launched in 1995. Uniquely formulated materials with increased strength, toughness, and durability along with new manufacturing techniques allowed Nepros to develop the optimal tool. The traditional ergonomic design was challenged and new human centered designs were reviewed. For example, the grip diameter for the ratchet handles was derived from the horizontal bar used in gymnastics and at playgrounds as this was deemed the most comfortable size for people to use.

Challenge to Stay on Top

Innovation did not stop with the launch of Nepros. Improving tools' durability and usefulness is not only the driving force of Nepros, it is literally its name from – "NEw PROfessional Satisfaction". And the craftsmanship that goes into making every single tool can be seen with its industry proven and stunning chrome finish.

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- 2022** New model / NBR390A
Sought the usability by compact head, light gears, and 8steps claw.
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- 2012** Previous model / NBR390
Adopt 90 teeth gear with feeding angle 4°for 3/8" compact head ratchet handles first in the world.
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- 2003** Early "nepros" latter model / NBR3UN
Design reviewed for weight balance optimization. Finger groove on the handle moves to the grip end.
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- 1995** Early "nepros" / NBR3UN
"Mirror nepros" was born with concept "more durable, useful, and beautiful"
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- 1984** "Mirror Tool"
High polished "Mirror Tool" was born with high quality steel and newest production technology.
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- 1982** "Deluxe Tool"
Limited edition ratchet handle only for 3,000 tool sets of "Deluxe Tool set". All tools polished by hand.
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Toughness, Capability, Craftsmanship.

Nepros stands behind its name and ensures that every tool meets the mantra of "Toughness, Capability and Craftsmanship"

More Durable

Increased durability through unique design and advanced heat processing with proprietary materials

- Proprietary alloy blend achieves toughness and durability in compact, lightweight tools
- Increased strength using patented designs developed from stress analysis such as "power fit."
- Vacuum furnacing and specialized heat treatment further increase toughness to surpass industry standards

Capability

R&D targeted specifically to the technician breeds the most capable tools for the tough environments.

- Gain access to the hardest to reach locations without worry of tool failure
- Patented designs and shapes allow for the best fit for fasteners, giving optimal grip and strength
- Tools that can withstand anything you throw at it

Stunning Craftsmanship

Our unique chromium polishing provides a desired look that will function in any environment, even heavy industry

- Ergonomically designed to provide the perfect balance of comfort, aesthetics, and function
- Hand fatigue from using tools is diminished due to the proprietary designs
- Hard chromium plating increases wear resistance in any industry

Product introduction

3/8"sq. RATCHET HANDLE

NBR390A

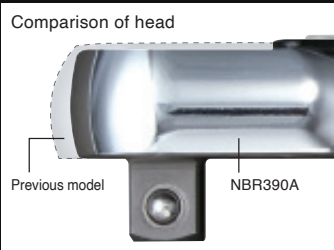


More details
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New and Improved Design

Increased accessibility to narrow space

Width of ratchet head was reduced to provide greater access to smaller spaces without sacrificing strength and durability



Shaped up ratchet head size.

Streamlined shape provides even more comfort.

Streamlining the shape between the ratchet head and handle creates a more comfortable tool



Lighter and more comfortable handle reduces hand stress

RATCHET HANDLE LINEUP

Major lineup



STUBBY RATCHET HANDLE
The nepros compact ratchet handle fits in the palm of your hand. This highly-convenient tool can be used in various combinations with inserting angles.



Toughness, Capability, Craftsmanship

- Once you touch Nepros tools, you will feel the difference
- The world's finest tactile hand tools
- Continuous improvement



New and Improved Functionality

Previous model 275g



NBR390A 245g

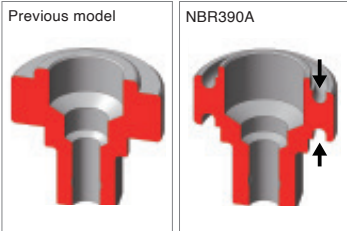
10% lighter



Switch is combined with lever.

Compact and light with 90 gears

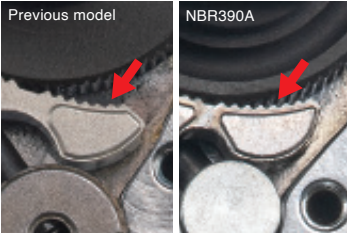
By streamlining the changer and switch, the ratchet is more compact, lighter weight and stronger.



Inner stress dispersed by round-machining.

8 step paw for increased strength

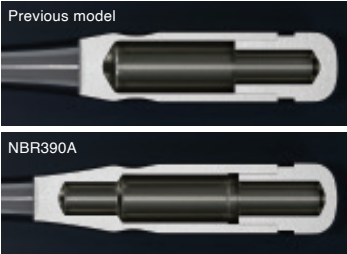
By increasing the claw from 7 steps to 8 steps, the force of the tool is spread out more increasing the strength.



New 8 step claw increases strength

Increased Balance and Lighter Weight

Proprietary design technology allowed for additional hollowing of the handle resulting in a lighter weight tool with better balance while increasing durability.



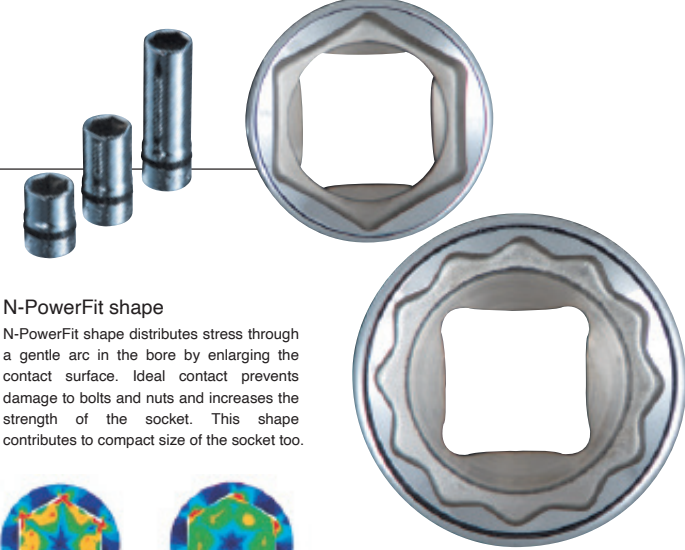
Better weight and balance without sacrificing strength and durability

SOCKET

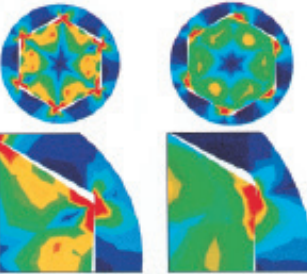


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Small, thin, and compact form socket



N-PowerFit shape
N-PowerFit shape distributes stress through a gentle arc in the bore by enlarging the contact surface. Ideal contact prevents damage to bolts and nuts and increases the strength of the socket. This shape contributes to compact size of the socket too.



Original dimensional standard
KTC's original dimensional standard reduces the fit gap with bolts and nuts to the absolute minimum, creating a superior fit feeling.



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UNIVERSAL JOINT

Smooth power transfer and superior operability

Extra smoothness:Grand Cross mechanism

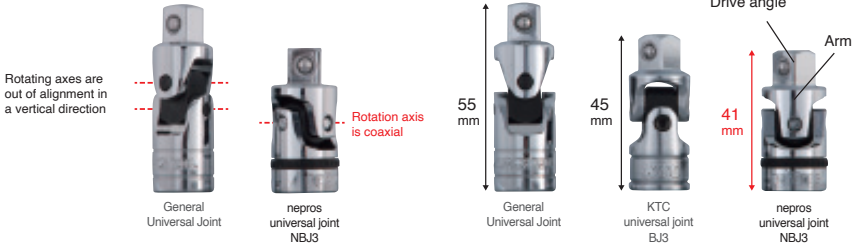
Universal joint has two rotating axes which are out of alignment in a vertical direction. Consequently, movement becomes jittery as the angle becomes greater. The nepros solution: comfortable work does not bend past an angle where it is possible to rotate and transmit torque, unlike usual versions.

Compact body

Strength was increased by shifting the drive angle by 45° together with achieving a thinner body.

Smooth access with firm holding

The nepros universal joint with spring force provides smooth access to bolts. Universal joint with socket will shake if holding force is not sufficient, and accessing bolt gets difficult.



The nepros universal joint NB3 does not shake and provides firm hold even with a 24 mm socket NB3-24 (weight: 90 g).

EXTENSION BAR

Magnificent form for excellent torque transfer

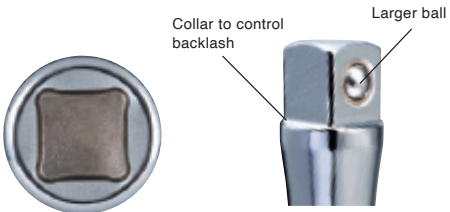


Elegant form for superior torque transfer

Elegant form was created by stress analysis. This form prevents twisting stress from being focusing on one particular point. This achieves excellent torque transfer and smooth feeling during use.

Inserting angle uses N-PowerFit shape which transfers force at the surface

Product strength was improved by N-PowerFit for the insertion angle. N-PowerFit distributes stress by expanding the contact surface.

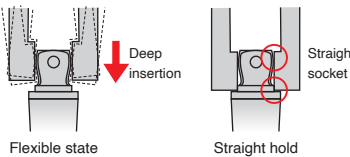


Ball and shape to prevent backlash

A larger ball is used to improve fit with the socket. Installing a collar on the fitting area decreases backlash.

Straight hold mechanism's other use

The nepros wobble extension bar has a flexible joint area and can be used as a swing head extension bar. Using the straight hold mechanism makes it possible to hold the socket straight by inserting the socket more deeply.

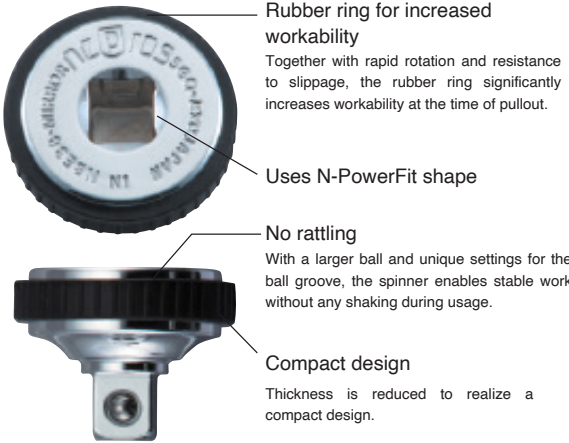


QUICK SPINNER

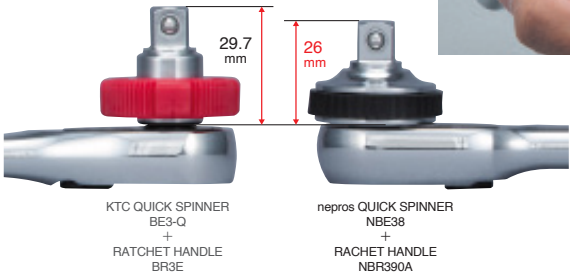


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Perfect grip design for rapid turning



Fast and comfortable
The nepros ratchet handles' excellent external diameter allows rapid rotation by grabbing & rotating with fingertips. Insertion angles: 1/4°sq. (Normal type), 3/8°sq. (Normal/Compact), 1/2°sq. (Normal).



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T-SHAPED WRENCH

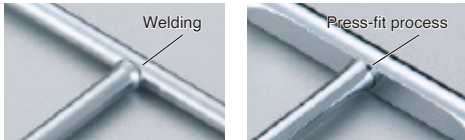
Ultimate T-shaped handle for outstanding balance and operability

Rubber rings for increased grip strength

Increasing grip strength by preventing slippage during work, the rubber rings attached to each end of the handle serve as contact surfaces for protection when the handle is placed on the floor.

Precise and accurate press-fit processing

The joint between the handle and shaft uses accurate press-fit processing. Precise processing technology is required in order to open a hole in the center of the handle and press-fit the shaft. This process produces the handle and shaft at a 90° angle and makes rotation extremely smooth. Unlike welding, no protuberances are formed on the joint area.



Available for various tool tip attachments



Clear engraving

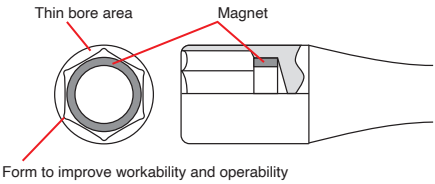
Size is displayed in large engraving on the handle top and in the socket hole. The Handle/Body press-fit portion is processed into a hexagonal shape for T-shape wrenches/a square shape for T-shape handles. This makes recognition easy.

Unique form for fast-rotation performance

Handle top & bottom are shaved down into equal weight. During rapid rotation, this design creates inertia which produces smooth rotation. Moreover, the handle length is different for each size. Tools with ultimate length for rapid rotation exert required torque on bolts and nuts of all sizes.

Thin design and magnets for tiny space

The bore uses N-Power Fit shape for distributing stress. Minimizing the gap between the handle and bolts/nuts with a thin design improves workability. A magnet creates holding bolts/nuts and access to recessed spaces.



Form to improve workability and operability

COMBINATION WRENCH



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Form to improve workability and operability

Compact head

This new spear-shaped head was born from stress analysis. Shaving away extra thickness while maintaining thickness in areas exposed to stress allowed us to achieve an even slimmer tip shape.

15° rise angle with compact box end area for both sides

The rise angle on the box end side has a 15° angle for common use. The step between the handle and joint makes it possible to use both the front and back sides. The compact external diameter is among the smallest in the world and is ideal for work in tight spaces.

Clear engravings

Large and easy-to-see engravings are used on the front and back. Visibility as well as workability are improved.

Side surface shape is ideal for hands

The side of the handle is wide and easy to grip. The shape prevents hand pain.

N-Power Fit protection for bolts/nuts and bore with minimized taper

Features N-Power Fit shape, which increases the contact surfaces with bolts and nuts, as well as a bore section with minimized taper. Gripping from the bottom of the bolt/ nut prevents sliding.

Various sizes

Three lengths: short, standard, long. Possible to select the best length to use for your work environment.



ADJUSTABLE WRENCH



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Unique grip shape born for of easy gripping.

Handy spear-shaped head

The head features a spear shape for tight spaces.

Width-across-flat scale

Features an easy-to-see width-across-flat dimension scale.

Well-balanced & Handy Grip

The grip features an elliptical shape. Grip gets thicker in order to improve the weight balance.

15°-type to use with hexagon bolts

Normal adjustable wrenches have an angle of 23°. However, nepros adjustable wrenches have an angle of 15° for use with hexagon bolts. This improves workability in tight spaces.

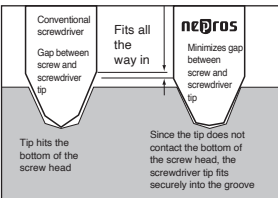
WOODEN GRIP SCREWDRIVER



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Beautiful and functional form; special tip shape for perfect fit with screws

Magnetic tip shape for less gap/slippage



Bolster corresponding to hard screw

Push the screwdriver with one hand, and use a box end wrench to turn the bolster and apply even stronger torque.

Beautiful elegant grip for force control

The grip is elegant for a beautiful and original form. High-quality maple wood is used in the grip. The hexagonal shape is easy to grip with the warmth of the wooden material. Furthermore, the center part has a depression which makes it easier to push and turn.

Different color of cross (plus) and flat (minus)

Cross (plus) has a red (cherry red) finish while flat (minus) has a green (forest green) finish.

KTC original steel

Considering cross (plus) and flat (minus) driver, KTC uses original steel of chromium vanadium of different hardness.

BOX END WRENCHES



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Basic functions and variations for reliable use

Bore area/N-Power Fit shape prevent damage to bolts/nuts

The N-Power Fit shape increases the contact surface with bolts and nuts. The bore area minimizes taper to ensure contact of the bolt bottom with the nut head.

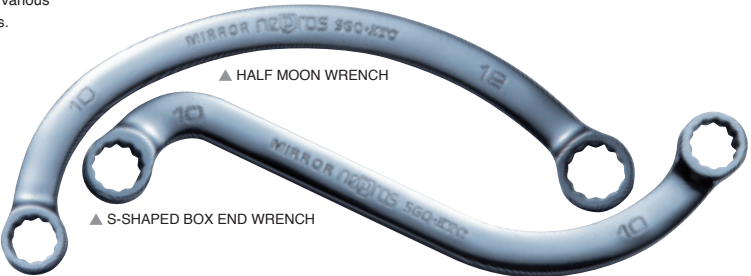
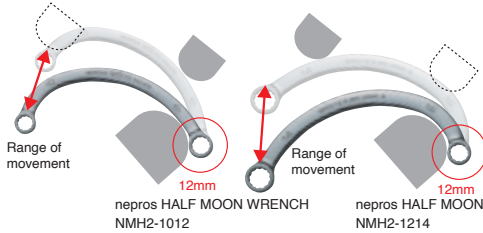


Side surface shape: ideal size for hands and easy to put in force

Handle is wide and easy to grip.

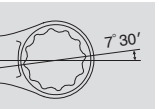
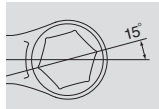
Asymmetrical design: Expanding the range of use

The nepros half-moon wrenches have a unique asymmetrical design with different radius from left/right sides. The different radius enlarges the range of use and provides support for a variety of situations. Combination with a same-sized S-shape box end wrench with a different radius satisfies various demands.



Improving workability: Adding an angle to box end wrench

KTC added a 15° angle to the bore of the straight standard hexagonal box end wrench and a 7°30' angle to the straight standard box end wrench. Using both the front and back of the tools enables work in a range of 30° for the hexagonal type and 15° for the dodecagon type.

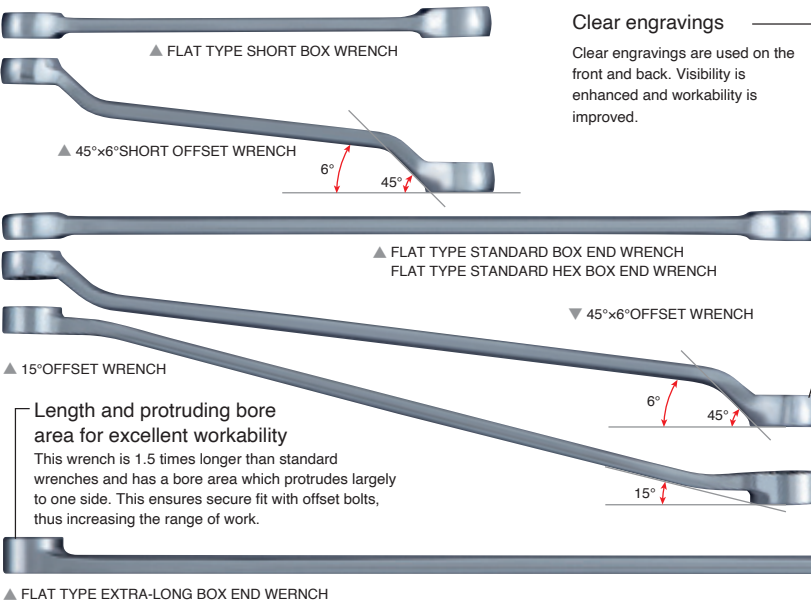
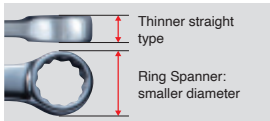


*The dodecagon type fixed at an angle of 7°30' is only available for the straight standard box end wrench.



Thickness controlled according to direction of work

A thin design is used for the straight type, which is often used to access in vertical directions. On the other hand, a smaller external diameter is used for the normal box end wrench, which is often used to access in a horizontal direction. This realizes excellent design for the work situation.



Clear engravings

Clear engravings are used on the front and back. Visibility is enhanced and workability is improved.

Rise angles of 45° and 6°

Rise angles of 45° and 6° are used to bring the center of the bolt closer to an imaginary line extending straight from the handle. This design reduces stripping and transfers torque directly.

Ultimate torque transfer and workability

Torque transference is further improved by special design with the center of the bolt closer to an imaginary line extending straight from the handle. The protruding shape on one side enables usage even when there is spot facing around the bolt or nut. The rise angle is designed to start straight and then reach 15° ideal for tiny spaces.

